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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**SIGINT Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

15 MAR 1982

SUBJECT: Proper Authority (PA) for Commander, Joint Task Force, South (COMJTFSOUTH) (U)

- REFERENCES:
- a. DIA SCW 73,021/DC-7C, Same Subject, dated 9 February 1982 (Attachment 1) (U)
  - b. NSA Q42-019-82, Subject: Proposed Designation of COMJTFSOUTH as Proper Authority, dated 22 February 1982 (Attachment 2) (U)

1. Action Requested: Approval of the DIA request to authorize designation of COMJTFSOUTH as Proper Authority (Attachment 1), as modified by NSA (Attachment 2). (U)

2. Background: The Communications Intelligence Security Regulations (CISR) require a waiver to enable the Director, DIA to authorize COMJTFSOUTH, when not operating as CINCUS Southern Command, to act as a Proper Authority (PA) for exceptional, special, or emergency use of Category III and below COMINT. Upon approval and publication of Volume I of the Signals Intelligence Security Regulations, the Director, DIA will no longer require such a waiver. [redacted]

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3. Discussion: Pending publication of the SISR, Volume I, DIA has requested a waiver to authorize appointment of COMJTFSOUTH as a PA. NSA has expressed concern with the potential release of COMINT which may be sanitized by COMJTFSOUTH because much of it may be provided by [redacted] collection service facilities. For this reason, NSA has requested that any

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[redacted] release of COMINT under this authority be coordinated with NSA or NCR South if time and circumstances permit. DIA accepts this restriction.

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4. Recommendation: That you approve the DIA request for authority to designate COMJTFSOUTH as PA, with the restriction that proposed [redacted] releases be coordinated with NSA or NCR South if time and circumstances permit.

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Approve: /s/ B. R. Inman  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

16 MAR 1982  
Date

Disapprove: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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SCW-73,021/DC-7C

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, SIGINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Proper Authority (PA) for Commander, Joint Task Force, South (COMJTFSOUTH) (U)

References: a. DCI Communications Intelligence Security Regulation (CISR), November 1973.

b. Draft SISR Volume I.

1. [ ] Request a waiver of Section I, paragraph 15. of reference a. Reference a. requires a waiver to enable the Director, DIA to authorize COMJTFSOUTH, when other than CINCUS Southern Command, to act as a Proper Authority for exceptional/special/emergency use of Category III and below COMINT. 25X1

2. (U) Justification for granting a waiver to reference a. follows:

a. [ ] JTFSOUTH has been established in Panama to effect contingency evacuation of US citizens in Central America. The contingency mission would be accomplished in situations where reactions to ongoing diplomatic, economic and/or foreign policy initiatives result in life-threatening situations. The JTFSOUTH mission requires quick reaction and potential deployment to any location in a number of Central American countries. The capability [ ] is vital to the successful planning and execution of JTFSOUTH contingency operations. 25X1

b. [ ] JTFSOUTH Commander will be a Lieutenant General and will receive COMINT support from [ ] 25X1

d. [ ] Additionally, COMJTFSOUTH meets the "Commander of Special Joint Task Force" criterion, cited in reference b., as a Proper Authority for Category III COMINT. Thus, COMJTFSOUTH would be eligible for appointment by Director, DIA as a Proper Authority upon promulgation of reference b. 25X1

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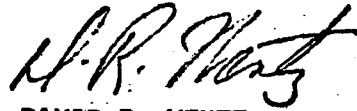
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3. [ ] Designation of COMJTFSOUTH as a Proper Authority does not imply an automatic invocation of the "emergency use" provisions of the CISR. Should it be necessary for COMJTFSOUTH to invoke the emergency use provisions, the Director, DIA will report such actions to the NFIB in accordance with Section II, paragraph 33. of the CISR.

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4. [ ] The SIGINT Committee is requested to approve the waiver of Section II, paragraph 15 of the 1973 CISR to authorize COMJTFSOUTH to act as a Proper Authority for Category III and below COMINT.

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DIA Member, SIGINT Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SIGINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Proposed Designation of COMJTFSOUTH as Proper Authority (U)

REFERENCES: (a) DIA SCW-73, dated 9 February 1982

(b) SIGCOM SIGINT 13.1/77, dated 16 February 1982

[ ] NSA has no objections to Director, DIA designating COMJTFSOUTH as a Proper Authority as outlined in the DIA proposal; however, NSA does have some concern with the potential foreign release of COMINT which may be sanitized by COMJTFSOUTH. Much of the COMINT pertinent to the mission of COMJTFSOUTH is [ ] which conduct highly sensitive COMINT operations. Because of this, NSA requests that the foreign release of COMINT sanitized by COMJTFSOUTH be coordinated with NSA or with NCR SOUTH if time and circumstances permit.

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WENDELL B. WHITE  
NSA Member  
DCI SIGINT Committee

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